

What is claimed is:

1. A handheld scoring device adapted for scoring flexible sheet material arranged at an inside corner defined by first and second converging surfaces, said scoring device comprising:

(a) a housing having first and second converging sides adapted for engaging respective converging surfaces, and defining an interface at an intersection of said first and second sides for residing adjacent the inside corner; and

(b) means carried by said housing and adapted for protruding from said interface to score the sheet material at the inside corner.

2. A handheld scoring device according to claim 1, wherein said scoring means is slidably mounted within said housing and adapted for longitudinal movement along a length dimension thereof.

3. A handheld scoring device according to claim 2, and comprising a user-actuated slide control button connected to said scoring means and adapted for moving said scoring means along the length dimension of said housing.

4. A handheld scoring device according to claim 3, wherein said housing defines a longitudinal guide track opposite said interface, and adapted for guiding longitudinal movement of said slide control button.
5. A handheld scoring device according to claim 4, wherein said slide control button comprises beveled bumps extending proximate to said guide track to facilitate longitudinal movement of said control button.
6. A handheld scoring device according to claim 1, and comprising biasing means for normally urging said scoring means into a retracted condition within said housing.
7. A handheld scoring device according to claim 1, and further comprising an end cap removably attached to said housing to facilitate access to said scoring means therein.
8. A handheld scoring device according to claim 1, wherein said housing comprises contoured finger grips.

9. A handheld scoring device according to claim 1, wherein said interface defines a rounded edge of said housing.

10. A handheld scoring device according to claim 1, wherein the first and second sides of said housing are disposed at a substantially 90-degree angle.

11. A handheld scoring device according to claim 1, wherein said housing comprises a length dimension and a width dimension, the length dimension being greater than three times the width dimension.

12. A handheld scoring device according to claim 1, wherein the length dimension of said housing is greater than 6 inches.

13. A handheld scoring device according to claim 1, wherein said means for scoring comprises a knife.

14. A method of scoring flexible sheet material, comprising the steps of:

(a) arranging the sheet material at an inside corner defined by first and second converging surfaces;

(b) locating a cutting device adjacent the inside corner and over the sheet material, the cutting device having first and second converging sides adapted for engaging respective converging surfaces, and defining an interface at an intersection of the first and second sides; and

(c) extending a scorer from the interface of the cutting device to score the sheet material at the inside corner.